



**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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Examining Group 3711**

**PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 15499.398.1**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	S. Curtis Nye, et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/722,664	)
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Title:	BASKETBALL BACKBOARD	)
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Examiner:	Michael S. Chambers	)
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Customer No.:	22,913	)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED DECEMBER 1, 2005**

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Responsive to the Advisory Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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